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The Honorable June L. Green
United States District Judge
United States Court House
3rd & Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Harold Weisberg v. Department of Justice, USDC D.C., C.A. #75-1996

Dear Judge Green:

Enclosed under seal are copies of one hundred abstract cards with accompanying affidavit as you requested in court on January 3, 1980. They were taken from the approximate center of the abstract file, beginning with serial no. 3000. Since you requested that these be submitted in camera, we are sending them to you with the excised portions high-lighted in yellow. With a copy of this letter, Mr. Lesar is being sent the same cards with those portions blacked out.

To aid you in reviewing these abstracts, we have also submitted the hundred documents from which they were made. The excised portions of those documents have also been high-lighted in yellow. Although his client has already received these documents, Mr. Lesar is being sent new copies with excisions blacked out.

Finally, in order for you to understand why the excisions were made on the abstracts and corresponding documents, I have asked the FBI to prepare a Vaughn v. Rosen affidavit covering them. This should be in your hands in several weeks. A copy will, of course, be provided Mr. Lesar.

The primary purpose for your request to see the cards in camera was, as I recall, to determine whether all of the over 6,000 abstract cards should be reviewed, processed and then released to plaintiff. I believe that this sample shows that these secretarial records contain nothing that has not already been provided to plaintiff from the MURKIN files.

Providing you with these one hundred abstracts, the corresponding documents, and a Vaughn v. Rosen affidavit, in addition, demonstrates graphically how we propose to finally settle this suit by means of sampling. We would provide these additional documents in camera with a full Vaughn v. Rosen affidavit for the court's inspection. The pages could be selected jointly by both parties and could include the corresponding abstracts as well, if desired.

I hope this will prove of value to you.

Sincerely,

William G. Cole

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Enclosures

NOTICE OF FILING

This letter together with an affidavit of Martin Wood and one hundred copies of abstracts and referenced documents were personally submitted for in camera inspection by the undersigned to the Honorable June L. Green on 16th January, 1980.

William G. Cole

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of this letter, an affidavit of Martin Wood, and one hundred copies of abstracts and referenced documents with excisions were served on Mr. James H. Lesar, attorney for plaintiff, 910 16th Street, N.W., Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20006, on this 16th day of January, 1980.

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